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Sir:

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### FOREIGN DOCUMENTS

- 1. Japanese Patent Application No. 10-79197, published March 24, 1998;
- 2. Japanese Patent Application No. 5-282883, published October 29, 1993; and
- 3. Japanese Patent Application No. 5-282889, published October 29, 1993.

### REMARKS

These documents were cited in an Office Action dated August 5, 2005 by the Japanese Patent Office in the corresponding Japanese patent application, Japanese Patent Application No. 2001-216980 (copy of Office Action and English translation attached). This Japanese application is also assigned to Kabushiki Kaisha Toshiba.

Applicants' undersigned attorney hereby certifies pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e) that each item of information contained in this Information Disclosure Statement was first cited in any communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of the Information Disclosure Statement.

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As set forth in 37 C.F.R. 1.97(c), an Information Disclosure Statement submitted during the time period specified in that section shall be considered if it is accompanied by the fee set forth in 37 C.F.R. 1.17(p). Accordingly, enclosed is our check in the amount of \$180.00, the requisite fee associated with filing this Information Disclosure Statement.

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